



## Joann E. "Jo" Schaefer

July 16, 1931 - June 23, 2022

NORFOLK – Memorial service for Joann E. Schaefer, 90, of Norfolk will be held at 2:00 p.m. on July 7, 2022 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Family inurnment will be held at a later date at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will take place one hour prior to service time. Joann passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. Her mortal remains were given to further Medical Science while her spirit is resting in the arms of Jesus as her earthly journey has ended. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Joann (Jo) Elizabeth was born July 16, 1931 (sharing the same birthday with her husband, Leon, and dog, Sparky) in Norfolk to Joseph & Rose (Brasch) McDaniel. She was baptized July 10, 1932 at Grace Lutheran Church, in Norfolk. She was also confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church on June 3, 1945. She attended Norfolk Public Schools and graduated in 1949.

Jo was a Telephone Operator, Repair Service Department clerk and Network and Engineering Department clerk for 30 years at Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (now CenturyLink). After the Telephone Company offices closed in Norfolk, she worked part time for 10 years at the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD).

Jo enjoyed making quilts (over 35 in all) for her children and grandchildren. She also decorated cakes. She enjoyed bus trips. She loved cooking and baking and her friends were recipients of her many coffees. She was active in the Red Hat Club, her many card clubs, and in her devotion to her little

poodle, Shar, and her cockapoo, Mia.

Jo married E. Leon Schaefer on December 27, 1951 at the Madison County, Nebraska, courthouse. They were blessed with four children. Happy to share in her life are son Sidney (Susan) Schaefer of Apex, North Carolina and granddaughter Kaitlyn (Christian) Gall of Sneads Ferry, NC, grandson Nicholas of Raleigh, NC, and grandson Aaron of Apex, North Carolina; daughter Connie (Terry) Viterna of Verdigre, Nebraska, grandson Brandon (Jody) Viterna of Plainview, and great-granddaughter Brynlee, granddaughter Crystal Viterna and great-grandchildren Paige and Aaron of Norfolk; son Guy (Janna) Schaefer of Gretna, Nebraska and grandchildren Brisco, Benjamin and Isabelle of Gretna; and son Christopher (Claudia) Schaefer and grandson, David of Temecula, California. Jo was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Jo is survived by her brother Neil (Maryanne) McDaniel of O'Fallon, Missouri, brothers-in-law John Schaefer and Larry (Judy) Schaefer of Plainview, sister-in-law Karen (Paul) Schulte of Stanton, and sister-in-law Arnetta McDaniel of Norfolk, along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Rose, husband Leon of 67 years, sister Ruth (Robert) McClurkin of Grand Island, and her brother Robert (Arnetta) McDaniel of Norfolk.

In lieu of flowers it was Jo's wish that memorials be made to Companion Animal Clinic, 1113 Riverside Blvd., Norfolk, NE 68701. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
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## Memorial Service

JUL 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Joann E. "Jo" Schaefer*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - July 07, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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*That was the best sermon for a loved one EVER; it was about Joann Schaefer. Thank you.*

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**maryanne mcdaniel** - July 07, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Joann E. "Jo" Schaefer*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album slideshow*



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**Sid Schaefer** - July 07, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joann E. "Jo" Schaefer.*



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July 06, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joann E. "Jo" Schaefer.*



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July 06, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *We played pitch with Jo and Leon for several years and have fond memories of our time together. Jo always went all out for food and snacks on the nights she and Leon were hosting our card games. They always talked about their boys. Rest in peace good friend.  
Ron and Dee Briggs*

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**Ron and Dee Briggs** - July 05, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the entire extended family!*



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**Brian J. Schlote** - July 02, 2022 at 10:40 PM

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“ *The class of 1982 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joann E. "Jo" Schaefer.*



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**The class of 1982** - July 02, 2022 at 08:27 PM